



CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

Board Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2010

San Diego, California

(Approved 8/5/10)

The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority was called to order on February 4, 2010 at the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) in San Diego, CA.

Called to order and Roll call

Members Present: Chairman Curt Pringle
Rod Diridon, Sr.
Lynn Schenk
Thomas Umberg (remotely from Camp Eggers, Afghanistan)
Quentin Kopp
David Crane
Richard Katz

Members absent: Fran Florez
Russell Burns

Pledge of Allegiance

Administered by Judge Kopp

Approval of Minute Meetings

No minute meetings, continued to next meeting.

Public comment

Chairman Pringle called for public comment. The Mayor of the City of San Diego, Mayor Jerry Sanders spoke; Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler, City of Escondido and the Chair of SANDAG spoke; the Executive Director of SANDBAG, Gary Gallegos spoke; Deanna Spehn, representing Senator Christine Kehoe's office spoke; Shirley Horton, President of the San Diego Downtown Partnership spoke; there were several other speakers from the City of San Diego and other stakeholders.

Executive Director's Search

The Executive Director Search Committee and the Executive/Administrative Committee reported to the Authority concerning the Executive Director search process, including entry into an agreement with a search firm, and provided an update on the process, including the presentation of materials describing the position sought to be filled. The Executive Director Search Committee walked through the timeline in terms of the recruitment and some target dates and some timeline expectations as they move forward. Chairman Pringle stated it is his goal to have a list of names presented to the Board by the March meeting. Chairman Pringle also stated that the Board didn't need to take action with

that list of names that they would discuss and set a time for interviews. Mr. Diridon stressed that until they narrowed the selection down to a group to be interviewed by the Board, the names of the potential candidates are confidential and that's necessary to protect their current employment opportunities. Chairman Pringle agreed and asked the Attorney General's office if the board has the right to "vet" names in a closed session fashion, and have the ability to have the Board interview or talk with candidates in a closed session fashion. Mr. Spanos answered in the affirmative. A motion was made by Mr. Katz to ratify the actions taken so far by the executive search committee and proceed under the direction that was given and it was seconded by Mr. Crane. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Executive Director's Compensation :

The Authority discussed establishing compensation for the position of executive director. A motion to set the range was established, with the added resolve on the written resolution. Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Operations Committee Report:

The Operations Committee discussed:

Review of Program Management Contract – The Operations Committee discussed the issue of trying to get the train built by going through the normal state processes, and that there would be no way deadlines would be met if DGS continues to delay review of contracts.

Statewide Communications and Outreach Update – A motion was passed before the Board to establish a policy that through the Executive Director, the Deputy Director of Communications and Outreach is in charge of overseeing the entire communication messaging for the Authority in coordination with the statewide contractor, as well as local regional contractors, to be coordinated in cooperation with the local engineering firms involved in each of the segments. Mr. Diridon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

The Operations Committee reported that they are working on Southern California project timelines, and there needs to be more work on this issue, more information to the Board at the next meeting.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Discussion:

In light of the pending announcement of ARRA awards for high-speed rail projects, staff presented a discussion of ARRA funds and the Authority's needs in relation to receiving and monitoring those funds. Chairman Pringle called Cynthia Ward for public comment.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Republic of Korea:

Staff recommended to the Board that the Authority enter into an information-sharing MOU with the Republic of Korea, whose high-speed train system, the KTX, opened in 2004. A motion was made by Ms. Schenk and seconded by Mr. Diridon, the motion was unanimously approved.

Legislative Update:

Staff presented an update of legislative activity, including bills, for possible Board action. Chairman Pringle requested the item of a legislative briefing be put on the executive/administrative committee agenda and also on the Board's agenda for next month.

Alternatives Analysis Update: Los Angeles - Anaheim Section

Staff presented a brief update on the alternatives analysis process within the environmental review of the Los Angeles - Anaheim section. Chairman Pringle called Ms. Meeks and Mr. Johnson for public comments.

Environmental Review Update: Los Angeles - San Diego Section

Authority staff presented an update on the status of environmental review for the Los Angeles-to-San Diego via the Inland Empire section. Chairman Pringle called Mr. Patrick J. Morris, Mayor of the City of San Bernardino to speak. Mr. Gerry Senda and Mr. Billy Paul also gave public comments.

The Authority Board adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm.